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UNDER 37 CFR §1.97

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 Copies of Foreign Patent Documents and/or Non Patent Literature Documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 are enclosed in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98 (a)(2).
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 Copies of pending unpublished U.S. patent applications are enclosed in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(iii).
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 Pursuant to MPEP 609(B), an English language copy of a foreign search report is submitted herewith to satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation where non-English language information is cited in the search report.
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 Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3)(ii), a copy of a translation, or a portion thereof, of the non-English language reference(s) is provided herewith.

- H. In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and set forth in M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b), Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the patents and co-pending United States applications which may be related to the instant application and may be material to patentability, listed below. The chart below is designed to assist the Examiner in the evaluation of the instant application. The status information, complied from PAIR, is believed to be current as of December 23, 2008, and is subject to change. Applicants have not provided copies of the Office Actions from the patents and co-pending United States applications which may be related to the instant application, since they are believed to be readily available to the Examiner, but would be pleased to do so at the Examiner's request. Copies of the published applications/patents, if applicable, have been cited in a previous Information Disclosure Statement and/or are cited herein and listed on the attached PTO Form SB/08

1.	11/512,743	36671-718.201	US 2007-0218498 A1	Docketed New Case- Ready for Examination	9/29/2007	James L. Gruen
2.	08/423,582	36671-726.201	5,795,725	Patented Case	8/13/1998	Bao Thuy Nguyen

3.	09/687,051	36671-726.301	6,991,907	Patented Case	1/11/2006	Gailene Gabel
4.	10/850,954	36671-726.302	US 2005-0164317	Final Rejection Mailed	7/1/2008	Gailene Gabel
5.	09/349,194	36671-726.401	6,939,678	Patented Case	8/17/2005	Gailene Gabel
6.	09/425,318	36671-726.402	6,579,687	Patented Case	5/29/2003	Gailene Gabel
7.	10/459,006	36671-726.403	US 2003-0211544	Abandoned -- Failure to Respond to an Office Action	6/22/2007	Bao Thuy L. Nguyen
8.	11/673,397	36671-726.404	US 2007-0196880 A1	Response to Non-Final Office Action Entered and Forwarded to Examiner	9/22/2007	Bao Thuy Nguyen
9.	08/633,248	36671-726.501	6,174,686	Patented Case	12/26/2000	Bao Thuy Nguyen
10.	08/769,077	36671-726.502	6,627,404	Patented Case	9/11/2003	Bao Thuy Nguyen
11.	08/821,888	36671-732.201	5,947,124	Patented Case	8/30/1999	Kelly S. Campen
12.	07/076,038	36671-735.201	4,900,662	Patented Case	12/11/1989	Not Defined
13.	08/083,853	36671-735.301	5,382,515	Patent Expired Due to Non-payment of Maintenance Fees Under 37 CFR 1.362	2/19/2003	Toni Scheiner
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17.	11/204,764	36671-738.201	US 2006-0105419 A1	Appeal Decision Rendered -	10/08/2008	Bin Shen

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18.	08/993,750	36671-741.201	6,156,521	Patented Case	11/16/2000	Bao Thuy Nguyen
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20.	10/389,720	36671-742.401	US 2004-0171064 A1	Final Rejection Mailed	4/28/2008	Christine Foster
21.	10/225,082	36671-743.201	7,427,490	Patented Case	9/23/2008	Gary Counts
22.	10/371,149	36671-743.501	US 2003-0199000 A1	Nonfinal Rejection Mailed	11/7/2008	Gary Counts
23.	10/673,077	36671-743.502	US 2004-0209307 A1	Response to Non Final Action Filed	10/20/2008	Lisa Cook
24.	10/714,078	36671-743.503	US 2004-0219509 A1	RCE Filed	10/29/2008	Lisa Cook
25.	10/875,800	36671-743.504	US 2005-0255484 A1	Response to Non Final Action Filed	10/23/2008	Lisa Cook
26.	12/090,785	36671-743.831		Notice to File Missing Parts Mailed	8/5/2008	
27.	10/139,086	36671-744.201	7,361,473	Patented Case	4/2/2008	Ann Lam
28.	11/560,425	36671-744.301	US 2008-0045444 A1	Application Dispatched from Preexam, Not Yet Docked	11/12/1007	
29.	11/205,571	36671-744.401	7,358,055	Patented Case	3/26/2008	Ann Lam
30.	11/963,713	36671-744.402		Docketed New Case- Ready for Examination	7/28/08	
31.	10/419,059	36671-744.501	US 2003-0219734 A1	Final Rejection Mailed	4/14/2008	Christine Foster
32.	10/938,760	36671-744.503	US 2005-0148024 A1	Notice of Allowance Mailed – Application Received in Office of Publications	9/8/2008	Ann Lam
33.	10/827,919	36671-744.504	7,341,838	Patented Case	2/20/2008	Ann Lam
34.	10/330,696	36671-745.201	US 2004-0121343 A1	Non Final Action	11/13/2008	Unsu Jung

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35.	10/728,067	36671-745.501	US 2004-0203083 A1	Abandoned - - Failure to Respond to an Office Action	12/10/2008	Unsu Jung
36.	10/603,891	36671-745.502	US 2004-0253637 A1	Response to nonfinal action filed	8/4/2008	Unsu Jung
37.	11/795,173	36671-748.831	US 2008-0293920 A1	Application Undergoing Preexam Processing		
38.	10/331,127	36671-749.201	US 2004-0126767 A1	Appeal Dismissed / Withdrawn	6/5/2008	Carolyn Smith
39.	10/410,572	36671-749.202	US 2004-0121350 A1	Abandoned - - Failure to Respond to an Office Action	10/24/2008	Russell S. Negin
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42.	11/450,150	36671-753.201	US 2007-0269836 A1	Non Final Action Mailed	10/28/08	Christine Foster
43.	11/684,498	36671-755.201	US 2007-0224643 A1	Docketed New Case Ready for Examination	5/8/2008	Lisa Cook
44.	11/752,135	36671-756.201	US 2008-0118924 A1	Docketed New Case - Ready for Examination	6/27/2008	Zachary C. Howard
45.	11/645,901	36671-775.201		Waiting for LR Clearance	6/12/2007	
46.	11/940,111	36671-779.201		Application Dispatched from Preexam, Not Yet Docketed	7/21/2008	
47.	08/459,596	36671-781.401	5,843,690	Patented Case	10/25/2004	Carol Spiegel

- I. *Fee Authorization.* The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above-referenced fees of \$180.00 and charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 36671-744.502).

Respectfully submitted,

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